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SUMMARY: FOLLOWING SEPT 8 MEETING, REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (RC) ANNOUNCED DECISIONS TO: RESTRICT MEDIA COVERAGE OF ACTIVITIES WITHIN MILITARY; REINTEGRATE MELO ANTUNES, VITOR ALVES, AND COSTA MARTINS; STUDY PROJECT FOR RESTRUCTURING OF AFM AND RC; DISCIPLINE MILITARY POLICE UNITS WHICH HAD REFUSED TO EMBARK FOR ANGOLA; AND STUDY "SERIOUS" STATEMENTS BY PPD LEADERS. DECISIONS REPRESENT CLEAR VICTORY WITHIN RC IN FAVOR OF ANTI-COMMUNISTS. END SUMMARY.
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1. COUNCIL OF REVOLUTION MET AFTERNOON AND EVENING OF SEPT 8.
COMMUNIQUE RELEASED FOLLOWING MEETING ANNOUNCED:
-- MEDIA RESTRICTIONS: COUNCIL APPROVED LAW BARRING MEDIA FROM
REPORTING ON ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE WITHIN MILITARY UNITS OR
ESTABLISHMENTS UNLESS INFORMATION RELEASED BY PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC,
RC, CHIEF OF ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF, CHIEF OF STAFF OF
INDIVIDUAL SERVICES OR COPCON. (J-5 CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT)
-- REINTEGRATION: COUNCIL APPROVED REINTEGRATION OF MELO ANTUNES,
VITOR ALVES, AND COSTA MARTINS AS RC MEMBERS.
-- RESTRUCTURING: LOURENCO WILL LEAD GROUP COMPOSED OF TWO REPS
FROM EACH SERVICE TO BE APPOINTED BY THE SERVICE CHIEFS TO STUDY
AND REPORT TO NEXT RC ON RESTRUCTURING RC AND AFM ASSEMBLY.
-- MILITARY POLICE: COUNCIL DENOUNCED REFUSAL OF SOME MILITARY
POLICE UNITS TO EMBARK FOR ANGOLA AS BREACH OF "REVOLUTIONARY
DISCIPLINE" AND SAID THAT DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS WOULD BE METED OUT
BY ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF AND COPCON.
-- PPD INVESTIGATIONS: COUNCIL CREATED COMMITTEE TO STUDY
RECENT "SERIOUS" STATEMENTS BY PPD LEADERS (PRESUMABLY THOSE
AT SEPT 5 OPORTO RALLY TO EFFECT THAT AFM SHOULD BE DISBANDED
AND THAT PPD COULD, IF NECESSARY, PUT 50,000 UNDER ARMS).

2. COMMENT: DECISIONS REVEAL CONTINUING COSTA GOMES
PENCHANT FOR COMPROMISE.
-- MEDIA RESTRICTIONS: DECISIONS RELATING TO MEDIA ACCESS CAN
BE RATIONALIZED BY LEFT AS BEING DIRECTED AGAINST UNILATERAL
DOCUMENTS SUCH AS THE ANTUNES MANIFESTO. MEDIA RESTRICTIONS
NOW HAVE MORE APPEAL TO ANTI-COMMUNISTS, FROM THEIR NEW POSITION
OF STRENGTH, WITH THE BONUS OF PUTTING A FURTHER STAMP OF APPROVAL
ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF RAMIRO CORREIA'S COMMUNIST-LINING J-5.
RESTRICTIONS ARE VERY BAD NEWS FOR A PRESS AND PUBLIC WHICH HAS
IN LAST FEW MONTHS BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO UNPRECEDENTED DEGREE OF
FREEDOM. THERE IS SOME DOUBT AS TO WHETHER PRESS WILL OBEY THE
DIRECTIVE AND WHETHER RC WILL ENFORCE IT.
-- REINTEGRATION AND RESTRUCTURING: REINTEGRATION OF ANTUNES
AND ALVES IS SOFTENED FOR LEFT BY INCLUSION OF COSTA MARTINS.
THE TWO NAVY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY AFM RESTRUC-
TURING WILL LIKELY REFLECT THE LEFTIST SENTIMENTS OF THE NAVY
ASSEMBLY BUT ARE LIKELY TO BE OPPOSED BY FIVE OTHER MEMBERS
UNDER LEADERSHIP OF "ANTUNES NINE" MEMBER LOURENCO. THE OVERALL
COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE SET UP UNDER VASCO LOURENCO TO STUDY
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THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE RC AND THE AFM ASSEMBLY IS LIKELY TO
REINFORCE THE SHIFT IN FAVOR OF THE ANTI-COMMUNISTS. BY OUR
COUNT, ANTI-COMMUNISTS NOW HAVE TEN; NON-COMMUNIST SWING GROUP
HAS FOUR; LEFT-LEANING, BUT NOT COMMUNIST GROUP HAS FIVE; AND
COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZERS HAVE SIX. (SEPTEL).
-- MILITARY POLICE: DECISION ECHOES RECENT COMMENTS ON MILITARY
DISCIPLINE BY ARMY CHIEF FABIAO AND CONSTITUTES REBUKE TO MAJ.
TOME AND MANY OF SAME FAR LEFT ELEMENTS WHICH SUPPORTED THE

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RADICAL DOCUMENT OF COPCON OFFICERS.
-- PDD INVESTIGATIONS: ALTHOUGH THE STATMENTS AT PPD RALLIES REFERRED TO ABOVE ARE PROBABLY THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF THE DECISION, THE RECENT STATEMENT ALONG SIMILAR LINES BY FORMER PPD LEADER SA CARNEIRO (REFAIR) WAS PROBABLY ALSO A FACTOR. DECISION UNDERSCORES POOR TIMING BY PPD LEADERSHIP IN GIVING VENT TO PENT-UP CRITICISMS.

3. IN SHORT, THIS WAS A CLEAR VICTORY FOR THE ANTI-COMMUNISTS. THE SHIFT IN NUMBERS WITHIN THE RC MAKES THE SOLUTION A CLEAR TILT IN FAVOR OF THE ANTUNES NINE, AND THE "NINE" HAS NOW REGAINED ITS LOST MEMENTUM.
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